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ABSTRACT

This document tabulates the results of a 1994 survey of public library funding in Michigan. The survey discovered that 68.8% of public library funds are provided by local tax support, 13.7% by penal fines awarded to libraries by court systems which have received income for violations of state laws, 7.6% by state aid, and 9.9% by other means, such as gifts, foundations, interest, overdue fines, and other types of income received from local sources. The report illustrates variations in funding patterns that occur with differences in the size of the total population served. Monetary totals of penal fines, state aid revenue, and local funding are compared from 1985-1994, revealing gradual increases but also a leveling off and slight decline in state aid since 1990. A large table traces fluctuations in penal fine library funding percentages in 93 Michigan counties since 1990. Eight graphs illustrate the data. (BEW)

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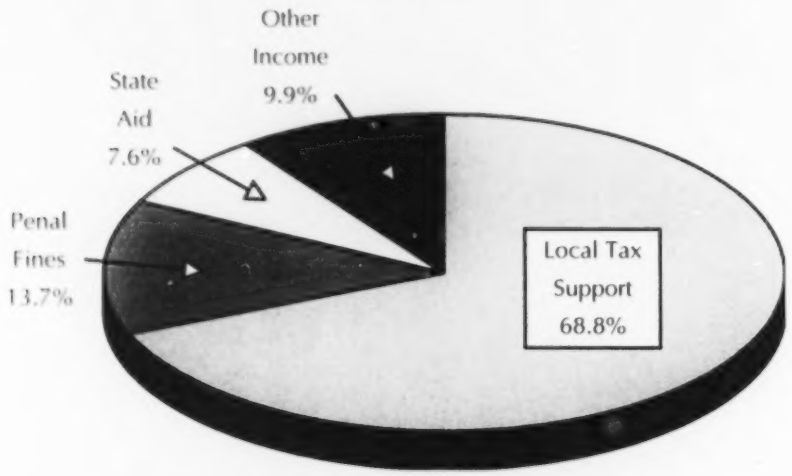
Sources of Michigan Public Library Income



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In the 1994 Survey of Public Library Funding:

- Michigan public libraries reported that 68.8% of library funding is provided either through a direct voted millage or as an appropriation from the general funds of the governing municipality. More precise definitions for reported income have resulted in percentage shifts between "local tax" income and "other" income.

- Penal fine funds are provided to libraries through the court system, using income received for violations of state laws. This income is apportioned at the county level and varies widely. The 1994 overall state average of penal fine income is 13.7% of total income, compared with 14.4% for 1993.

- The Detroit Public Library receives state aid to public libraries funding, and also is allocated additional state funds through a line item in the General Government Appropriation. Only the state aid payment was included when calculating percentages for this report on average income.

- Other local income reflects miscellaneous monies from gifts, foundations, interest, overdue fines and other types of income received from local sources. Federal funds provide the remaining balance of the income received by public libraries. Overall this income accounts for about 9.9% of total public library income.

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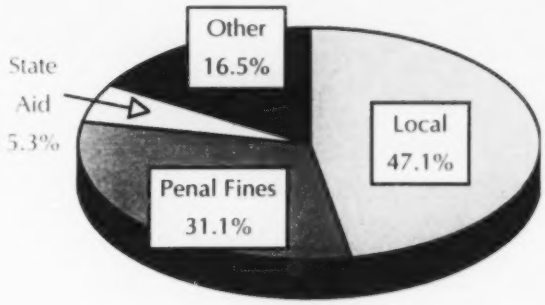
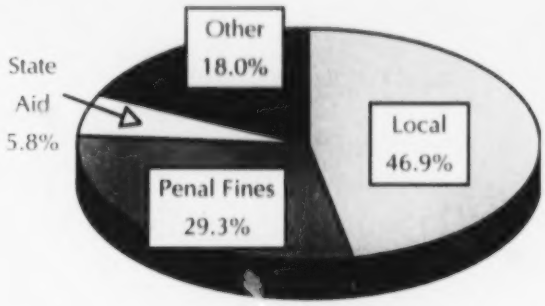
FUNDING PATTERN FOR LIBRARIES IN EACH CLASS WHEN GROUPED BY THE POPULATION SERVED



Group 1 (0-3,999)

82 Public Libraries



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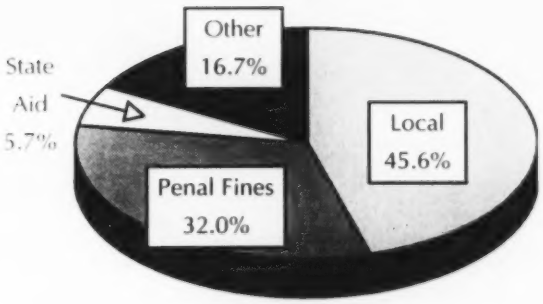
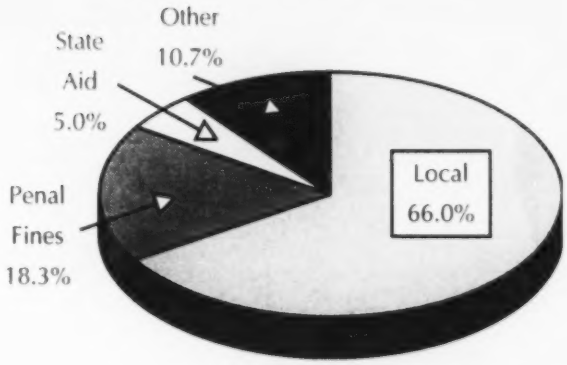
75 Public Libraries



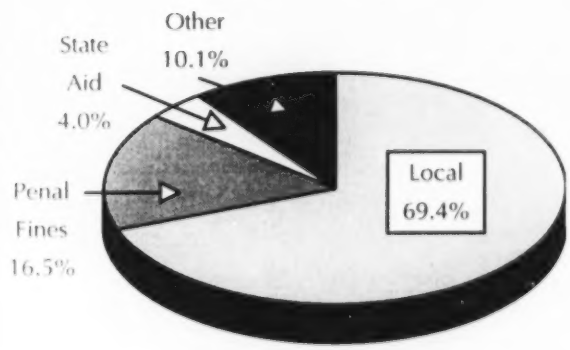
Group 3 (7,000-11,999)

85 Public Libraries



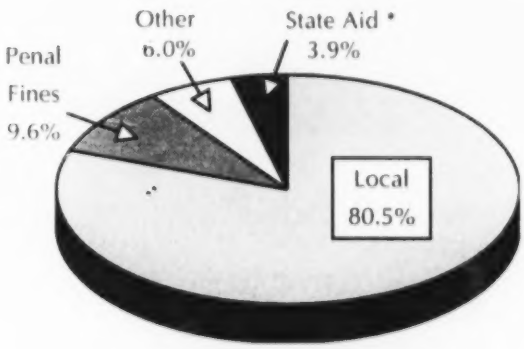
Group 4 (12,000-25,999)

59 Public Libraries



Group 5 (26,000-49,999)

31 Public Libraries



Group 6 (50,000 and over)

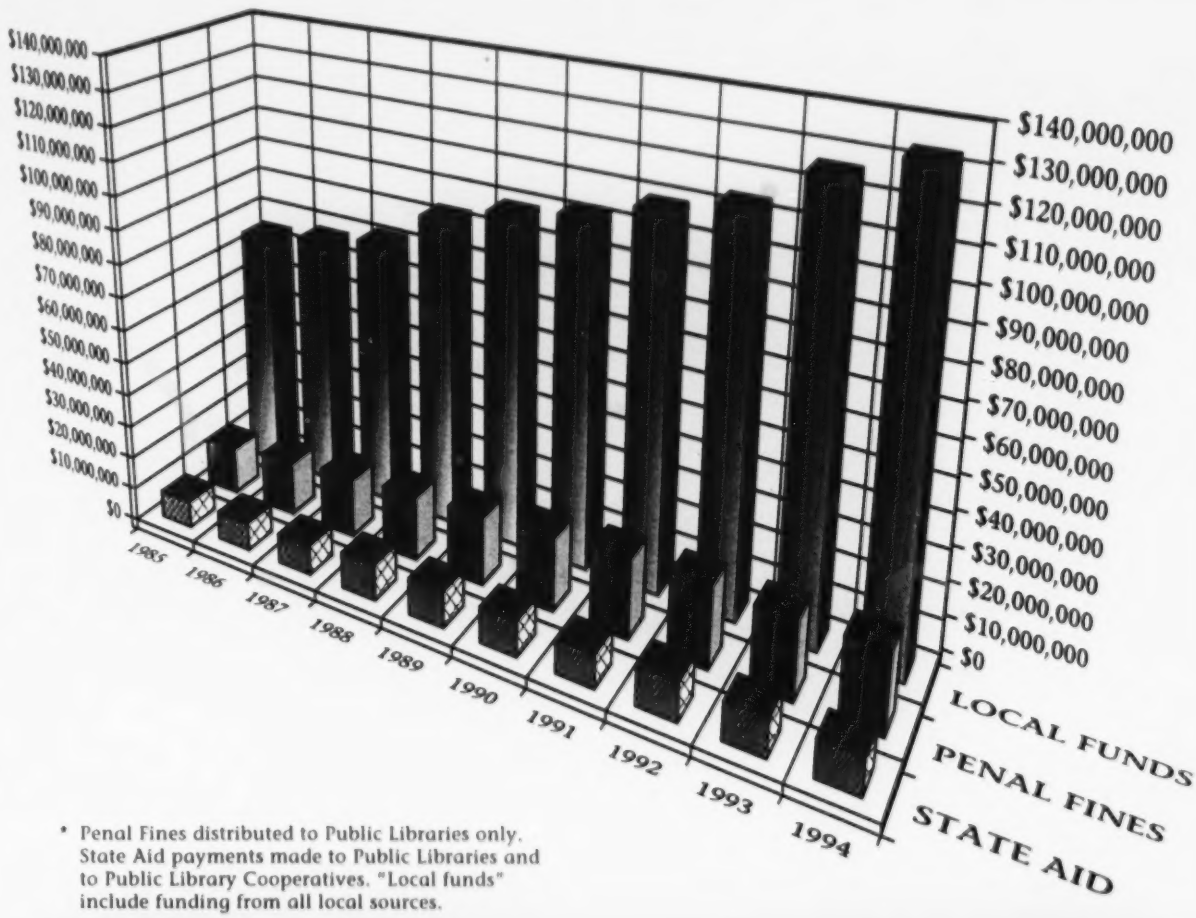
42 Public Libraries

* Total for Group 6 does not include the $5,700,600 million equity grant to the Detroit Public Library.

Conclusion: Although the state average indicates that local tax income provides 68.8% of library funding, this average is significantly lower for group 1-3 libraries. The small libraries remain very dependent upon penal fines income. Local millages and appropriations provide most support for group 4-6 libraries. (If the Detroit Public Library line item grant had been included in the Group 6 total, the *average* for state support would rise to 9% overall for group 6.)

PENAL FINES, STATE AID REVENUE & LOCAL FUNDING FOR MICHIGAN PUBLIC LIBRARIES*

(1985-1994)



* Penal Fines distributed to Public Libraries only. State Aid payments made to Public Libraries and to Public Library Cooperatives. "Local funds" include funding from all local sources.

1985-1989

	1985	1986	1987	1988	1989
Local Funds	$74,480,428	$77,351,365	$81,090,287	$92,911,279	$98,484,123
Penal Fines	$14,428,641	$16,262,281	$17,766,334	$19,389,071	$20,437,775
State Aid	$8,000,000	$8,400,000	$8,800,000	$10,619,800	$10,694,800

1990-1994

	1990	1991	1992	1993	1994
Local Funds	$102,127,462	$108,351,985	$113,501,795	$125,794,331	$133,141,178
Penal Fines	$21,802,755	$23,404,341	$23,823,223	$22,961,848	$23,096,919
State Aid	$10,427,400	$9,710,900	$11,098,800	$10,790,500	$10,671,800

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Library of Michigan Reports County Penal Fine Figures For Past Five Years

Treasurers in Michigan's 83 counties paid **$23,096,919** from penal fines to public libraries in August 1994, continuing a trend of providing considerable funds for library operations. This compared with **$22,961,848** for the 1992-93 fiscal year.

About 14.5 percent of all local funding to Michigan public libraries comes from penal fines, which have fluctuated considerably from a high of **$23,823,223** in 1991-92. Penal fines are monies collected from persons who violate state law. Rates below have been compiled for the past five years (1990-1994):

(All rates per capita)

County	1990 Rate	1991 Rate	1992 Rate	1993 Rate	1994 Rate
Alcona	$ 2.79	$ 2.77	$ 4.16	$ 4.18	$ 4.31
Alger	3.81	3.79	3.22	3.87	6.28
Allegan	4.16	3.67	3.54	3.52	3.75
Alpena	2.53	4.31	4.06	4.01	3.87
Antrim	3.77	3.53	3.49	3.98	5.03
Arenac	5.96	7.83	7.01	6.48	8.23
Baraga	0.32	1.30	1.54	2.23	3.18
Barry*	1.62	1.69	1.76	1.62	1.88
Bay	3.57	2.98	2.84	2.60	2.25
Benzie	5.19	4.51	4.56	5.07	5.51
Berrien	5.67	6.25	6.25	6.14	5.87
Branch	5.46	6.51	6.14	5.28	3.25
Calhoun	2.86	2.46	2.86	2.41	2.39
Cass	3.73	3.04	3.48	2.89	4.98
Charlevoix	3.49	3.96	4.08	4.16	3.35
Cheboygan*	8.45	11.82	10.71	8.32	9.17
Chippewa	4.14	4.76	5.68	4.68	5.85
Clare	4.64	6.04	6.02	6.60	7.17
Clinton*	2.30	2.08	2.78	3.96	3.62
Crawford	10.98	9.28	8.62	8.65	7.40
Delta	2.89	3.55	3.88	3.77	3.90
Dickinson	2.98	3.80	4.20	2.61	3.72
Eaton	3.46	3.11	3.46	3.69	3.45
Emmet	2.50	2.46	3.15	3.48	3.98
Genesee	1.34	1.20	1.08	0.63	0.90
Gladwin	6.14	6.55	8.02	6.87	6.05
Gogebic	5.47	5.10	6.66	8.03	9.20
Grand Traverse*	4.02	3.20	3.16	3.24	3.36
Gratiot	6.76	7.08	8.40	8.99	11.65
Hillsdale	4.19	4.67	4.35	3.54	3.64
Houghton	0.29	0.89	1.02	1.26	1.30
Huron	4.34	5.38	5.88	4.51	5.08
Ingham*	2.59	3.17	2.24	2.05	1.83
Ionia	6.42	5.83	4.86	6.03	6.11
Iosco	7.31	5.41	5.04	6.01	5.25
Iron	4.37	3.54	4.19	3.52	3.38
Isabella	5.47	4.15	4.30	4.58	4.47
Jackson	1.73	1.73	1.73	1.41	1.27
Kalamazoo	1.34	1.59	1.62	1.89	1.67
Kalkaska	10.32	9.41	7.83	8.84	9.50
Kent	2.67	2.42	2.62	2.49	2.26
Keweenaw	0.29	0.13	0.83	0.86	2.12
Lake	5.12	4.99	4.54	4.87	5.24
Lapeer	4.91	4.79	6.56	5.28	5.62
Leelanau	3.86	3.74	3.55	2.94	2.78
Lenawee*	4.84	4.05	4.18	4.37	3.73
Livingston*	4.17	3.42	3.84	3.35	3.16
Luce	2.36	2.44	2.63	3.26	2.82
Mackinac	5.66	6.81	5.81	6.71	11.67
Macomb	0.79	0.86	0.94	0.92	0.81
Manistee	5.13	6.11	6.28	8.16	10.74
Marquette	1.08	1.25	1.82	2.18	2.13
Mason	4.28	3.81	3.77	4.14	4.30
Mecosta	5.24	3.59	4.99	5.35	6.41
Menominee	4.71	5.38	6.03	5.56	6.03
Midland	2.31	1.60	2.23	2.35	3.29
Missaukee	4.97	4.95	4.77	6.17	6.32
Monroe	6.52	7.46	9.04	7.88	7.66
Montcalm	3.78	3.58	4.39	4.44	3.89
Montmorency	4.56	1.86	3.82	6.59	7.05
Muskegon	2.38	2.81	2.32	2.22	2.19
Newaygo	1.79	1.98	2.34	2.62	2.91
Oakland	1.30	1.31	1.32	1.34	1.33
Oceana	6.66	7.12	6.99	7.73	7.74
Ogemaw	13.84	11.16	13.25	11.73	12.97
Ontonagon	4.10	4.62	5.28	5.12	6.51
Osceola	6.76	9.07	8.59	6.35	8.69
Oscoda	8.57	9.32	9.43	9.72	8.40
Otsego	9.14	9.39	8.05	8.85	6.56
Ottawa	4.57	4.12	4.12	3.74	3.85
Presque Isle	1.79	2.18	2.91	2.39	2.36
Roscommon*	10.23	6.90	6.02	7.45	8.40
Saginaw	2.76	3.30	3.40	3.14	3.55
Sanilac	3.85	5.16	5.82	5.99	5.01
Schoolcraft	5.26	6.19	5.54	5.17	5.93
Shiawassee	2.36	1.83	1.44	1.29	1.92
St. Clair	3.98	3.71	3.65	3.55	3.54
St. Joseph	1.89	1.67	1.32	2.16	2.65
Tuscola*	4.57	5.14	5.36	5.03	5.78
Van Buren	5.35	5.64	5.50	5.27	4.79
Washtenaw*	1.48	1.50	1.29	1.35	2.13
Wayne*	0.95	1.40	1.35	1.25	1.02
Wexford	5.98	6.93	7.38	8.43	11.33
STATE AVERAGE	$2.34	$2.51	$2.55	$2.45	$2.47

*Indicates county with service population overlap.

Michigan Penal Fines Totals:		
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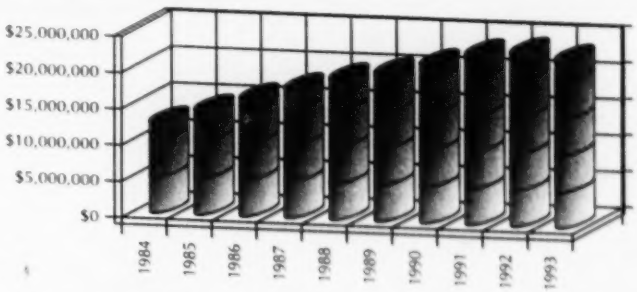

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